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RE:

SN 09/651,651 "PLANT STEROL ACYLTRANSFERASES" - Michael Lassner et al;

Our Ref. MONS:005US; Client Ref. 17134-US 01

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- 1. A Response to Restriction Requirement Dated June 16, 2004; and
- 2. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JUNE 16, 2004

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 16, 2004, for which the date for response is September 16, 2004.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/MONS:005US.

In response to the Restriction Requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I claims, claims 1-2, 5-19, 26, 28, 30, 32,

34, 36, 38, 40-50, 76-78, 82, 84, 86, 88, 107-108, 111, 113, 115 and 117. To the extent that the species election requirement is deemed relevant to the claims, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:4.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3085 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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